Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Both can be used.

Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: What is the authorised weight in all transactions?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There are two weights, the lb. and rathal.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: ഫെയർ പ്രൈസ് ഷാപ്പിൽ ഏതു weight ആണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: Fair Price Shop-ൽ പൌണ്ട് സാണ് ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത്.

CATTLE POUNDS IN VILLAGES

16. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have prepared any scheme for establishing cattle pounds in the villages;

(*b*) the number of pounds already in existence with the names of the locality in which they are established?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 98. For the locality in which they are estab'ished. (Please see Appendix II).

AGRICULTURAL LOANS—1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120

17. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Agricultural Loans applications received by the Tahsildar of Talappalli in the years 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120 with their respective dates of receipt;

(*b*) the number of them granted or otherwise disposed of with respective dates of dispcsal;

(*c*) the number of them undisposed of and the reasons for the delay, if any?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) 1117 .. 8
1118 .. 4
1119 .. 3
1120 .. nil. For dates of receipt please see list appended. *(Appendix III)*

(*b*) Sanctioned .. 4
Refused .. 8
Withdrawn .. 3

For dates of disposal please see list appended. *(Appendix III)*

(*c*) Nil. The delay was caused by the enquiries to be made regarding the financial position and *bonafides* of the applicants.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know, Sir, in Appendix III what exactly is the distinction between the terms 'refused' and 'not sanctioned'.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is no distinction. That is the word used in the order.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I take it 'not sanctioned' as 'refused'?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Yes.

INDEX OF COST OF LIVING—PREPARATION OF

18. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have begun preparing and publishing the index of cost of living in Cochin and from what date;

(*b*) whether they have any idea of what the cost of living has been for the last 3 months?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Government have been preparing the cost of living index numbers for the towns of Trichur and Ernakulam basing them on the Calicut data and weightage from 1st January 1944 onwards. The figures have not yet been published since their accuracy is to be tested on the basis of the figures worked out with the date and weightage to be fixed as a result of the family budget enquiry recently conducted in our State.

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(*b*) Yes. The idea of the cost of living is however based on the figures worked out as mentioned in answer to (*a*).

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know whether it will be possible for the Government to prepare and publish this index.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I hope I will be able to do it in another 3 months.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* What about the family budget?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The enquiry has been completed and the report is being written up.

Mr. P. K .Dewer *(Nominated):* The enquiry is over since 3 months, what about the staff?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The staff has been disbanded. The Professors are writing the reports by tabulating all these things, The Professors themselves do it *i.e.*, the Economic Professors of the Maharaja's and St. Thomas Colleges.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* They are basing the enquiry on the Calicut data.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* So far as the Calicut data is concerned an enquiry was made and the data was drawn up. The Data taken in that place is used here. But that data will not be the same as the data here.

STATISTICS—COLLECTION OF

19. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) on what subjects have Government collected statistical information through their statistical staff;

(*b*) do they propose to publish the same as and when they are collected;

(*c*) have they published any such information till now; if not, why not?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) (1) Agricultural statistics, (2) statistics of railborne and seaborne trade, (3) statistics of prices of important commodities, (4) statistics regarding the cost of living of low paid industrial workers in the towns of Trichur and Ernakulam, (5) statistics of rainfall, (6) statistics of livestock, (7) statistics of unskilled labour in the State, (8) plantation statistics relating to rubber, tea and coffee and (9) statistics of mineral production in the State.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. Because some of these statistics do not admit of being published, being of a confidential nature intended only for official use for the present, whereas in the case of some others their accuracy has to be further tested, before publication.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Are not the answers to B of Question No 18 and C of this question mutually contradictory.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* They are not.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* In answer to question A of Question 18 Government says that they have been preparing the cost of living index numbers for the towns of Trichur and Ernakulam basing them on the Calicut data. In answer to sub-division to A it is seen they have collected statistical information on many subjects but according to C it is seen they have not published any such information till now.

M. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Collection does not mean final tabulation of figures. The work of collection is also not finished with respect of some of these items.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Will the Government be pleased to give information, statistical information, on such subjects to persons in need of them. In answer to C it is also said that because some of these statistics do not admit of being published.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In answer to a previous question, Question No. 18 it has been answered that these statistics are being prepared at present basing them on the Calicut data and therefore they cannot said to be correct.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Is the cost of living higher at Ernakulam than at Calicut?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is higher here than Calicut. That is because the price of commodities like rice is higher here.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam):* Is there any objection to give information regarding statistics already collected, whatever be the finality about it?

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